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Unemployment Rate 2.8% in February, Up Only 0.1% from Year Ago.

The unemployment rate in New Hampshire in February was estimated to be 2.8 percent. In January the unemployment rate was 2.9 percent and in February of last year the rate was 2.7 percent. The civilian labor force declined by 5,520 workers from January to February, while unemployment dropped by 280. Since the unemployment rate declined over the same period, the decline in the number of unemployed was relatively larger than the decline in the labor force. This would indicate that as employment went down, workers left the labor force. Much of this would be due to the seasonal nature of some jobs in the retail trade and recreational services industries, and the seasonal attachment to the labor force of some workers. The construction sector also lost some employment (-950) over the month, as construction continued its general slowdown.

The New Hampshire civilian labor force in February 1989 was estimated to be 20,930 above the level twelve months earlier. The number of unemployed workers has increased 1,680 over the same period.

Reflecting the minor change over-the-month in the statewide unemployment rate, there tended to be little change in labor market area unemployment rates from January to February. Five areas showed no change in unemployment rates, while four areas registered lower unemployment rates and three areas had higher rates. The largest percentage point drop was found in the Berlin Labor Market Area (LMA), where the unemployment rate declined six-tenths of a point, from 3.1 percent to 2.5 percent. No other change in either direction was larger than two-tenths of a percentage point. Compared to a year earlier, five areas experienced a decline in the unemployment rate while seven observed increases.

January Unemployment Rate Lowest in Nation

The New Hampshire January unemployment rate of 2.9 percent was the lowest in the nation. Rhode Island registered the second lowest state unemployment rate, with a 3.2 percent rate. The highest unemployment rate in New England was experienced by Maine, which had a 4.6 percent rate in January. The highest unemployment rate among the states, 11.8 percent, was found in Louisiana.

Employment Trends in New Hampshire

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, according to sample-based estimates, was 1,500 lower in February than in January. These declines were fairly evenly split between manufacturing (-650) and nonmanufacturing (-850). Within manufacturing, drops were minor and spread out among many different industries. In nonmanufacturing, however, the fluctuations were much larger. Trade employment was the largest loser (-1,050), followed by construction (-950). Partially offsetting these changes were the increases in services industries (+600) and government (+600).

Compared to figures for twelve months earlier, nonagricultural employment has risen by an estimated 14,400 workers. Manufacturing has added an estimated 550 employees while the remaining 13,850 employees are found in the nonmanufacturing sector.

Even though the largest drops in employment from January to February were found in trade establishments, that sector also posted the largest increase in employment from the previous February. Gains from twelve months earlier in the trade division were estimated to be 5,550 employees, while services industries added an estimated 5,400 employees. The government sector added 3,550 workers, with federal employment holding constant, and state (+1,450) and local (+2,100)

governments increasing. Manufacturing job growth was quite slow, with numerous minor increases and decreases combining to yield the 550 employment advance over February 1988 estimates. (For more detailed changes from one-month and twelve-months earlier, please refer to the table on page 4.)

Unemployment in New Hampshire declined from 17,560 in January to 17,280 in February. A year earlier, for February 1988, unemployment was estimated at 15,600.

Keene and Claremont Areas Lowest in Unemployment Rate

The lowest area unemployment rate in February was calculated for the Keene and Claremont Labor Market Areas (LMA) (1.8 percent). The next lowest rate was found in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-Me Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) (2.4 percent). Highest rates were found in the Unattached Estimating Area (4.6 percent) and the New Hampshire portion of the Lowell, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), consisting of Pelham (4.5 percent).

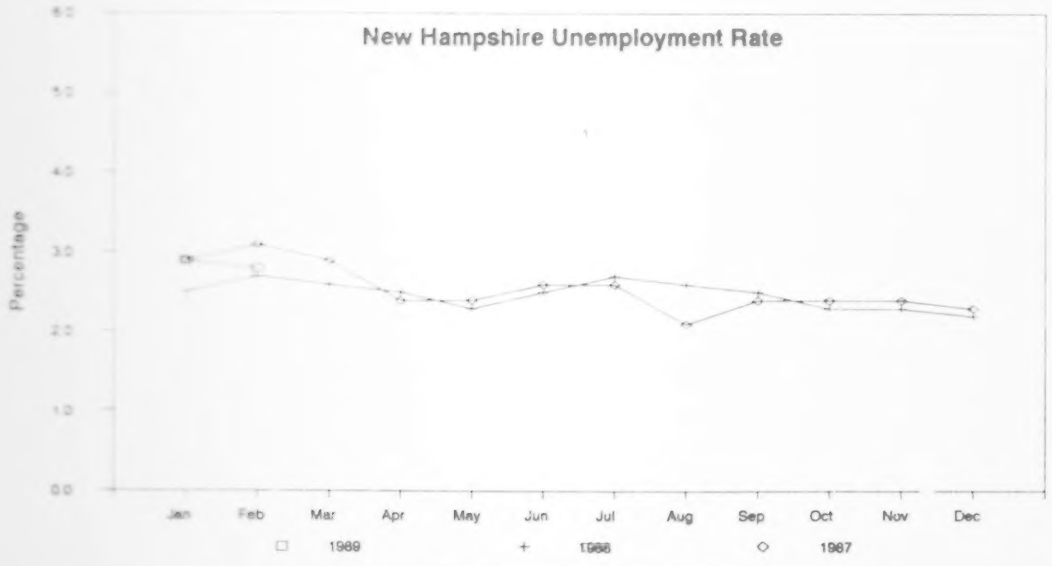
Manufacturing Hours and Average Hourly Earnings Down Slightly; Average Weekly Earnings Dip

Average weekly earnings were slightly lower (-$6.83) for manufacturing production workers in February than in January. Average hourly earnings decreased by only $0.02, but the decline in average weekly hours by 0.6 hours yielded the lower average weekly earnings. Both average hourly earnings and average weekly hours were higher in February than a year earlier, generating a $36.56 increase in average weekly earnings.

Average hourly earnings were estimated to be highest in the Food and Kindred Products industry ($12.60) in the nondurable goods sector. Average weekly earnings were also highest in the Food and Kindred Products industry ($505.26). Average weekly hours were greatest in the Primary Metal Products industry (45.5) in the durable goods sector.

Notes: These unemployment rates were calculated using the new methodology adopted in January 1989. They are not directly comparable to monthly rates published prior to that time.

Although monthly changes are included in this publication, it should be noted that these figures are not seasonally adjusted. Over-the-month comparisons may be affected by seasonal changes and thus could present misleading representation of underlying trends. To eliminate bias, it is more useful to compare any non-seasonally-adjusted statistic with that of twelve months earlier.



TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY*

	UNEMPLOYMENT								CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE				
	February 1989 Number	February 1989 Rate	January 1989 Number	January 1989 Rate	February 1988 Number	February 1988 Rate	Numerical Change From Previous: Month	Numerical Change From Previous: Year	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988	Numerical Change From Previous: Month	Numerical Change From Previous: Year
United States**	6,883	5.6	7,309	6.0	7,482	6.2	(426)	(599)	121,906	122,095	119,942	(189)	1,964
New Hampshire	17,280	2.8	17,560	2.9	15,600	2.7	(280)	1,680	608,460	613,980	587,530	(5,520)	20,930
Berlin LMA	670	2.5	850	3.1	710	2.8	(180)	(40)	27,290	27,720	25,730	(430)	1,560
Claremont LMA	760	1.8	820	1.9	760	1.9	(60)	0	43,100	43,620	40,350	(520)	2,750
Concord LMA	1,550	2.8	1,550	2.8	1,280	2.5	0	270	55,370	55,650	51,730	(280)	3,640
Keene LMA	770	1.8	700	1.6	840	2.1	70	(70)	43,980	44,340	40,720	(360)	3,260
Laconia LMA	1,720	3.1	1,890	3.3	1,210	2.3	(170)	510	56,090	56,700	51,570	(610)	4,520
Littleton LMA	620	3.0	680	3.2	450	2.4	(60)	170	20,500	20,960	19,140	(460)	1,360
Manchester MSA	2,370	2.8	2,180	2.6	2,110	2.5	190	260	83,930	84,360	84,040	(430)	(110)
Nashua PMSA	2,840	2.9	2,900	2.9	2,420	2.5	(60)	420	98,730	99,930	98,750	(1,200)	(20)
NH portion Lawrence-Haverhill, Ma PMSA***	2,210	4.3	2,180	4.3	2,150	4.2	30	60	51,460	51,240	51,450	(400)	1,460
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH+ Me MSA	3,160	2.4	3,160	2.4	3,220	2.5	0	(60)	131,100	132,440	127,620	(1,340)	3,480
Unattached Estimating Area	990	4.6	980	4.5	850	4.3	10	140	21,340	21,740	19,880	(400)	1,460
NH portion Lowell Ma PMSA	240	4.5	240	4.5	280	5.3	0	(40)	5,370	5,370	5,330	0	40
Counties													
Belknap	880	3.0	970	3.3	680	2.5	(90)	200	28,960	29,280	26,710	(320)	2,250
Carroll	570	2.9	650	3.2	360	2.0	(80)	210	19,790	20,050	18,310	(260)	1,480
Cheshire	680	1.7	630	1.6	790	2.2	50	(110)	39,190	39,530	36,330	(340)	2,860
Coos	610	2.8	730	3.3	670	3.3	(120)	(60)	21,440	21,800	20,250	(360)	1,190
Grafton	1,050	2.4	1,130	2.5	860	2.1	(80)	190	44,390	45,050	41,370	(660)	3,020
Hillsborough	5,360	2.9	5,270	2.8	4,610	2.5	90	750	184,260	185,950	182,970	(1,690)	1,290
Merrimack	1,820	2.7	1,780	2.7	1,470	2.4	40	350	66,200	66,560	62,210	(360)	3,990
Rockingham	4,360	3.5	4,310	3.5	4,200	3.4	50	160	124,030	124,590	122,060	(560)	1,970
Strafford	1,520	2.6	1,570	2.7	1,530	2.7	(50)	(10)	58,200	58,850	56,720	(650)	1,480
Sullivan	430	2.0	520	2.3	430	2.1	(90)	0	22,000	22,320	20,600	(320)	1,400

* *NH estimates based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 step handbook method" adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.*

** *In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.*

*** *New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

	Number of Workers			Numerical Change * From Previous:	
	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988	Month	Year
Labor Force Data **					
Civilian Labor Force	608,460	613,980	587,530	(5,520)	20,930
Unemployment	17,280	17,560	15,600	(280)	1,680
Percent of Labor Force	2.8	2.9	2.7	----	----
Employment Total	591,180	596,420	571,930	(5,240)	19,250
Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0
Employment by Industry ***					
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT	527,450	528,950	513,050	(1,500)	14,400
MANUFACTURING	119,450	120,100	118,900	(650)	550
Durable Goods	83,350	83,900	83,200	(550)	150
Lumber and wood products	5,700	5,800	5,850	(100)	(150)
Furniture and fixtures	1,400	1,400	1,550	0	(150)
Stone and clay products	3,400	3,500	3,500	(100)	(100)
Primary metal products	4,600	4,750	4,550	(150)	50
Fabricated metal products	7,100	7,150	6,950	(50)	150
Machinery (except electrical)	26,200	26,300	25,850	(100)	350
Electrical products	23,000	23,100	23,050	(100)	(50)
Miscellaneous products	2,300	2,300	2,250	0	50
Other durable goods	9,650	9,600	9,650	50	0
Nondurable Goods	36,100	36,200	35,700	(100)	400
Food and kindred products	2,850	2,850	2,850	0	0
Textile mill products	3,600	3,600	3,650	0	(50)
Apparel	1,750	1,700	1,800	50	(50)
Paper and allied products	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Printing, publishing, and allied	8,700	8,750	8,600	(50)	100
Leather and leather products	3,200	3,200	3,400	0	(200)
Other nondurable goods	10,200	10,300	9,700	(100)	500
NONMANUFACTURING	408,000	408,850	394,150	(850)	13,850
Construction (including mining)	30,500	31,450	32,050	(950)	(1,550)
Transportation, communication, and utilities	17,750	17,800	17,600	(50)	150
Trade	134,900	135,950	129,350	(1,050)	5,550
Finance, insurance, and real estate	32,100	32,100	31,350	0	750
Service industry and other	120,600	120,000	115,200	600	5,400
Government	72,150	71,550	68,600	600	3,550
Federal	8,650	8,750	8,650	(100)	0
State	19,500	19,050	18,050	450	1,450
Local	44,000	43,750	41,900	250	2,100
Persons involved in labor disputes (not included in Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Total above)	0	0	0	0	0

* *Numbers in parentheses indicate negative numbers*
** *By place of residence*
*** *By place of establishment, March 1988 benchmark*

MSA LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change* From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change* From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change* From Previous	
	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988	Month	Year	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988	Month	Year	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988	Month	Year
Labor Force Data**															
1. Civilian Labor Force	83,930	84,360	84,040	(430)	(110)	98,730	99,930	98,750	(1,200)	(20)	131,100	132,440	127,620	(1,340)	3,480
2. Unemployment	2,370	2,180	2,110	190	260	2,840	2,900	2,420	(60)	420	3,160	3,160	3,220	0	(60)
Percentage of Labor Force	2.8	2.6	2.5	----	----	2.9	2.9	2.5	----	----	2.4	2.4	2.5	----	----
3. Employment Total	81,560	82,180	81,930	(620)	(370)	95,890	97,030	96,330	(1,140)	(440)	127,940	129,280	124,400	(1,340)	3,540
4. Persons Involved in Labor Disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employment by Industry***															
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT	84,900	85,250	84,550	(350)	350	94,950	95,800	94,150	(850)	800	110,750	111,500	106,850	(750)	3,900
MANUFACTURING	11,650	11,650	12,350	0	(700)	36,550	36,750	36,450	(200)	100	21,050	21,150	20,850	(100)	200
Durable Goods	7,000	7,000	7,800	0	(800)	30,300	30,550	30,000	(250)	300	12,850	13,000	12,800	(150)	50
Machinery and electrical products	3,900	3,850	4,500	50	(600)	22,900	23,150	22,350	(250)	550					
Other durable goods	3,100	3,150	3,300	(50)	(200)	7,400	7,400	7,650	0	(250)					
Nondurable Goods	4,650	4,650	4,550	0	100	6,250	6,200	6,450	50	(200)	8,200	8,150	8,050	50	150
Textile mill products	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	(100)										
Other nondurable goods	3,550	3,550	3,350	0	200										
NONMANUFACTURING	73,250	73,600	72,200	(350)	1,050	58,400	59,050	57,700	(650)	700	89,700	90,350	86,000	(650)	3,700
Construction (including mining)	5,400	5,550	5,250	(150)	150	4,300	4,550	4,600	(250)	(300)	5,500	5,700	5,500	(200)	0
Transportation, communication, and utilities	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	300	2,650	2,650	2,450	0	200	3,050	3,050	2,900	0	150
Trade	23,550	23,850	23,350	(300)	200	21,700	22,300	22,200	(600)	(500)	28,350	28,800	26,500	(450)	1,850
Finance, insurance, and real estate	8,150	8,100	8,100	50	50	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	(100)	7,050	7,100	6,700	(50)	350
Service industry & other	21,700	21,700	21,600	0	100	18,950	18,700	17,700	250	1,250	20,000	19,950	19,200	50	800
Government	8,950	8,900	8,700	50	250	7,200	7,250	7,050	(50)	150	25,750	25,750	25,200	0	550
Federal	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0	900	950	900	(50)	0	10,800	10,850	10,500	(50)	300
State	800	800	750	0	50	200	200	250	0	(50)	5,350	5,400	5,300	(50)	50
Local	5,550	5,500	5,350	50	200	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	200	9,600	9,500	9,400	100	200
Persons involved in labor disputes (not included in Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment above)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* *Numbers in parentheses indicate negative numbers*
** *By place of residence*
*** *By place of establishment, March 1986 benchmark*

Manchester MSA -- includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett.
Nashua PMSA -- includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA -- includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth; the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollinsford, Rye, and Stratham; and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

(Establishment Survey estimates on this page are currently projected from March 1988 benchmark levels.)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
All Manufacturing	$409.59	$416.42	$373.03	41.0	41.6	39.6	$9.99	$10.01	$9.42
Durable goods	420.21	425.52	381.44	41.4	41.8	39.9	10.15	10.18	9.56
Lumber and wood products	344.04	322.39	294.67	37.6	37.4	37.3	9.15	8.62	7.90
Furniture and fixtures	310.23	307.26	288.21	40.5	39.8	39.0	7.66	7.72	7.39
Stone and clay products	376.38	367.64	338.42	41.0	40.4	38.5	9.18	9.10	8.79
Primary metal products	475.93	486.47	465.91	45.5	47.6	47.3	10.46	10.22	9.85
Fabricated metal products	433.63	431.71	379.89	42.1	42.2	40.2	10.30	10.23	9.45
Machinery (except electrical)	453.96	449.89	420.46	43.4	43.3	42.6	10.46	10.39	9.87
Electrical products	424.20	447.04	377.03	40.4	40.9	37.0	10.50	10.93	10.19
Miscellaneous products	347.06	326.94	298.32	39.8	38.6	38.1	8.72	8.47	7.83
Other durable goods	406.40	421.41	382.31	40.0	41.6	39.7	10.18	10.13	9.63
Nondurable goods	387.13	396.76	355.42	40.2	41.2	39.1	9.63	9.63	9.09
Food and kindred products	505.26	482.86	417.97	40.1	41.2	36.6	12.60	11.72	11.42
Textile mill products	333.91	344.83	293.68	39.1	41.1	37.7	8.54	8.39	7.79
Apparel	258.00	253.68	219.45	37.5	36.5	33.1	6.88	6.95	6.63
Paper and allied products	467.78	509.03	509.07	43.8	46.7	47.8	10.68	10.90	10.65
Printing, publishing, and allied	417.38	416.33	370.74	39.6	39.5	38.3	10.54	10.54	9.68
Leather and leather products	214.55	209.22	193.14	35.0	33.8	33.3	6.13	6.19	5.80
Footwear	212.98	208.82	194.21	34.8	33.9	33.6	6.12	6.16	5.78
Other nondurable goods	399.23	410.88	372.37	41.5	42.8	40.3	9.62	9.60	9.24

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 46.9%

Total Production Workers: 81,300

Firms Reporting: 307

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
All Manufacturing	$402.99	$415.95	$372.10	39.9	40.9	37.7	$10.10	$10.17	$9.87
Durable goods	409.76	419.20	380.65	39.4	40.0	37.1	10.40	10.48	10.26
Machinery and electrical products	421.27	440.57	388.88	40.9	41.8	38.2	10.30	10.54	10.18
Other durable goods	393.52	390.00	369.85	37.3	37.5	35.7	10.55	10.40	10.36
Nondurable goods	391.38	411.28	355.80	40.6	42.4	38.8	9.64	9.70	9.17
Textiles and apparel	338.18	341.50	280.81	40.5	40.8	36.9	8.35	8.37	7.61
Other nondurable goods	408.44	433.72	384.12	40.6	42.9	39.6	10.06	10.11	9.70

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 56.7%

Total Production Workers: 8,850

Firms Reporting: 39

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
All Manufacturing	$488.58	$501.77	$456.19	41.3	41.4	39.6	$11.83	$12.12	$11.52
Durable goods	488.68	507.56	469.90	41.1	41.4	40.3	11.89	12.26	11.66
Machinery and electrical products	513.70	546.72	500.86	40.9	40.8	39.5	12.56	13.40	12.68
Other durable goods	430.97	417.91	398.56	41.4	42.6	42.4	10.41	9.81	9.40
Nondurable goods	487.20	477.02	408.10	42.0	41.3	37.1	11.60	11.55	11.00

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 46.3%

Total Production Workers: 19,500

Firms Reporting: 56

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
All Manufacturing	$392.09	$399.90	$359.72	40.8	41.7	39.4	$9.61	$9.59	$9.13
Durable goods	418.80	427.98	389.47	40.7	42.0	39.5	10.29	10.19	9.86
Nondurable goods	353.01	359.35	316.37	41.0	41.4	39.3	8.61	8.68	8.05

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 51.2%

Total Production Workers: 14,850

Firms Reporting: 35

New Hampshire Labor Supply and Demand

The total number of active applicants for February 1989 stood at 16,527 compared to 10,414 in February of 1988, while the 942 job openings received in February 1989 fell below the over 1,100 job orders received in each of the previous two months and for the same month a year ago.

The ratio of active applicants to job openings received changed from 1 job opening to 9 applicants in February of 1988 to 1 job opening to nearly 18 applicants for February 1989. These changes indicate some slowing of the economy within the State. There is very little consensus among economists as to how much the economy will slow down or for how long, but it has slowed some and could slow down further with foreign trade exports playing an important role. The New England Economic Project, a group of New England economists, does not believe that will happen, and instead foresees no recession for two years or more. New Hampshire is basically in good shape, with exports well exceeding imports. This is one measure of how sound an economy is. The negative side of the picture, however, is that New Hampshire economic health may depend on how well banks perform in the next year or two. Savings and loan institution defaults will reach nearly $100 billion, and affect the whole banking industry. Nonperforming loans within the state, many due to unsold condominiums, are a concern facing New Hampshire bankers. The actual number of unpaid loans is small enough compared to the total number of loans that it is unlikely down payments will be increased or more stringent regulations applied.

The number of active applicants for February increased 10.5 percent, from 14,958 in January to 16,527, while year ago data increased by 12.7 percent between January and February, although the number of active applicants was much lower at that time, moving from only 9,243 in January of 1988 to 10,414 in February of 1988. Between January and February of 1989, the greatest increase in the number of active applicants was in structural occupations (+582), as expected at this time of year, followed by clerical occupations (+207) and machine trades (+144). Structural occupations showed 1,448 active applicants in December of 1987, and by February 1988 the level was 2,491. One year later (in December 1988) there were 2,463 active applicants and by February 1989 the number of construction active applicants had increased to 4,354, nearly double the number of applicants from the previous year. Clerical active applicants also increased in number from 1,711 in February 1988 to 2,595 in February 1989, while machine trade active applicants increased from 691 in February 1988 to 1,099 in February 1989. Machine trades occupations can be complicated, may require blue print reading and require great skill. A problem that machine shops have in the present economy is that rapid or substantial changes in production methods or in management can leave them in a difficult position, since they cannot respond as quickly to changing conditions as less specialized industries can.

There are only 350 machine tool companies in the county with about 1,000 job shops that do very specialized work. The chief executive of Kingsbury Tool in Keene says the shift to computer controlled machines and flexible manufacturing has been painful. Late last spring, the president of the National Machine Tool Builders Association said the American machine tool industry was at its weakest point ever. By November of 1988, however, machine tool orders had doubled from the previous year and the industry gained more momentum that it had since 1980. Part of the new upsurge in activity includes new computer controls which should help make the machine tool industry more competitive on the world market.

The number of active applicants increased, while the number of job openings received decreased from 1,115 in January to 942 in February. A year ago, job openings received stood at 1,193 in February. The two largest decreases in the number of job openings received was -55 for structural workers (150 in January to 95 in February) and -85 in benchwork occupations (138 in January to 53 in February). In January, more than six local offices received 10 or more benchwork job openings, while in February, only one office (Dover) received more than 10 job openings for benchwork occupations.

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ACTIVE APPLICANTS BY OCCUPATION, FEBRUARY 1989

Area	Professional, Technical, & Managerial	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Processing	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Structural Work	Freight & Transportation	Packaging & Material Handling	Miscellaneous	Total
New Hampshire	2,527	2,595	800	1,891	204	177	1,099	962	4,354	972	816	130	16,527
Berlin	33	91	33	89	5	2	29	16	174	33	13	3	521
Claremont	65	88	29	87	8	7	68	40	124	29	50	2	597
Concord	316	230	64	143	22	12	101	48	332	77	59	12	1,416
Conway	34	58	15	42	2	3	19	16	105	26	10	0	330
Dover	301	356	80	217	16	35	150	155	642	116	59	9	2,136
Keene	137	145	71	155	20	4	72	45	229	46	44	7	975
Laconia	188	269	66	171	22	20	107	62	582	127	58	11	1,683
Lebanon	97	74	33	65	12	4	36	16	119	28	19	3	506
Littleton	56	117	25	113	15	6	36	27	212	47	22	8	684
Manchester	322	394	145	358	20	35	191	187	762	174	205	50	2,843
Nashua	445	360	109	169	28	29	151	230	397	132	148	16	2,214
Portsmouth	363	279	85	221	22	15	86	66	473	80	97	7	1,794
Salem	170	134	45	61	12	5	53	54	203	57	32	2	828

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY OCCUPATION, FEBRUARY 1989

Area	Professional, Technical, & Managerial	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Processing	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Structural Work	Motor Freight & Transportation	Packaging & Material Handling	Miscellaneous	Total
New Hampshire	94	184	51	162	91	19	114	53	95	36	33	10	942
Berlin	2	7	5	13	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	37
Claremont	12	12	1	12	0	4	14	6	3	4	5	2	75
Concord	3	15	4	3	10	0	8	3	7	2	0	4	59
Conway	7	4	1	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	1	22
Dover	10	21	3	14	1	2	11	13	20	3	3	1	102
Keene	11	17	2	26	0	1	7	2	7	1	4	0	78
Laconia	6	12	12	16	3	0	10	3	3	0	0	1	66
Lebanon	5	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	8	2	2	0	31
Littleton	1	17	5	17	1	0	22	6	3	2	3	1	78
Manchester	5	24	4	27	0	10	8	8	14	0	5	0	105
Nashua	9	14	2	9	0	0	14	4	8	3	6	0	69
Portsmouth	9	21	8	13	4	0	6	2	16	5	4	0	88
Salem	8	13	3	7	0	1	2	4	5	3	1	0	47
All Others	6	1	0	0	71	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	85

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

ACTIVE APPLICANTS BY SEX, AGE, MINORITY STATUS, AND VETERAN STATUS, FEBRUARY 1989

Area	Male	Female	Eligible Claimants	Minority	Veterans	Age < 45	Age > 45	Total Active Applicants	Unfilled Openings: Total	Unfilled Openings: 30 Days +
New Hampshire	10,860	5,667	8,204	523	3,336	13,518	3,009	16,527	1,192	705
Berlin	326	195	188	6	39	432	89	521	30	15
Claremont	377	220	134	8	111	505	92	597	75	37
Concord	945	471	665	25	345	1,163	253	1,416	54	30
Conway	224	106	194	5	52	265	65	330	3	0
Dover	1,385	751	1,141	30	503	1,781	355	2,136	66	28
Keene	639	336	348	14	233	802	173	975	103	66
Laconia	1,166	517	977	17	319	1,375	308	1,683	101	54
Lebanon	360	146	209	15	105	409	97	506	26	12
Littleton	414	270	238	4	121	547	137	684	66	32
Manchester	1,884	959	1,456	138	540	2,337	506	2,843	95	47
Nashua	1,419	795	1,373	166	420	1,766	448	2,214	89	53
Portsmouth	1,195	599	779	64	401	1,467	327	1,794	104	56
Salem	526	302	502	31	147	669	159	828	99	74
All Others									281	199

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY, FEBRUARY 1989

Area	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Construction & Mining	Manufacturing	Transportation, Communication & Utilities	Trade	Finance Insurance, Real Estate	Service	Public Administration	Total	Government Openings in Columns 1-8*
New Hampshire	9	79	322	17	197	31	257	30	942	65
Berlin	0	1	8	1	9	5	12	0	36	0
Claremont	0	1	32	1	16	0	25	0	75	3
Concord	0	9	15	3	4	2	20	6	59	17
Conway	0	0	7	0	9	1	5	0	22	1
Dover	1	6	47	1	20	2	23	2	102	15
Keene	0	4	17	0	33	1	23	0	78	4
Laconia	0	4	11	0	16	8	24	4	67	6
Lebanon	1	8	3	0	9	1	8	1	31	1
Littleton	0	4	28	0	21	2	23	0	78	0
Manchester	0	18	24	3	8	5	46	1	105	1
Nashua	0	4	33	2	16	0	14	0	69	0
Portsmouth	4	15	16	3	19	3	20	8	88	9
Salem	0	4	9	0	17	1	13	3	47	3
All Others	3	1	72	3	0	0	1	5	85	5

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

* *This column includes Job Openings received from government-owned-and-operated employers in all types of industries. It consists of numbers that are included in the first eight columns.*

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY 1989

Data for February 1989 indicated that price increases consumers faced that month have increased 4.8% over the past year (not seasonally adjusted). This increase is the largest year-to-year increase for any month since October 1982, and ties the increase of March 1984. The change from the previous month was 0.4%, which was less than the 0.5% change from December 1988 to January 1989.

The Food and Beverages index increased by 6.0% over the previous year and 0.6% since January this year. The greatest increase for the past month was in the price index for Fruits and Vegetables (+1.7%); this is largely a normal seasonal increase. However, the index for Fruits and vegetables stood at 137.1, considerably higher than any other Food and Beverages category. Fats and oils showed the greatest year-to-year increase at 10.0%. The previous month, January, had shown a very large price increase for the Food and Beverages expenditure group since December 1988, 1.2%, so February's price increases showed a moderating trend.

The Housing index rose 3.9% over the past year and 0.3% over the previous month. Out-of-town lodging price increases over the previous month drove up Other Renters' costs, a component of Renters' costs. Lower piped gas and electricity prices moderated higher prices for fuel oil and other household fuel commodities.

The Apparel and Upkeep showed a 4.6% increase over the previous year and no increase since January this year. End-of-season sales lowered prices in Men's and boys' apparel and in Women's and girls' apparel, which had the lowest index level, 111.4, of the Apparel and upkeep expenditure group.

Prices for Transportation rose 4.5% over prices a year ago in February and 0.5% from the previous month. Gasoline prices increased from January to February 0.9%, the first month-to-month increase in price since August 1988. Higher automobile finance charges also contributed to the higher transportation index.

Medical Care prices increased 7.2% over the previous year and 1.0% for the month. The index was 145.2, the highest level for any major expenditure group. The increased cost of Medical Services contributed most strongly to the upward movement of the index.

Increased prices for admission tickets to cultural and sporting events and movies, and fees for club memberships were primarily responsible for pushing the Entertainment index up 0.4% over the previous month. Over the previous year Entertainment prices rose 5.1%.

The index for Other Goods and Services rose 0.5% over the past month, a more moderate increase than the 1.5% increase from December to January. With an index level of 144.1, the increase over the previous year was 7.4%. Tobacco and smoking products rose 1.0% from January and 11.5% from February 1988; this latter was the largest year-to-year gain of any component on this listing. School books and supplies increased in price 1.1% over the past month reaching an index level of 155.0, a 5.9% increase over a year ago.

There are several current events which may affect prices in the near future. The clean-up costs of the Alaskan oil spill from the tanker, Valdez, are likely to be passed on to consumers through higher prices for gasoline and home fuel oil; anticipating this, other dealers are also likely to raise prices. The slump in new car sales forecasts the possibility of price breaks on domestic models: auto industry financing may be at rates substantially below bank rates.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JANUARY 1989

	1989	1988	1987	1986
1982-84=100				
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
February Index	121.6	116.0	111.6	109.3
Percent Change From Previous February	4.8	3.9	2.1	3.1
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
February Index	120.2	114.7	110.5	108.5
Percent Change From Previous February	4.8	3.8	1.8	2.9
1967=100				
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
February Index	364.1	347.4	334.4	327.5
Percent Change From Previous February	4.8	3.9	2.1	3.2
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
February Index	358.0	341.6	329.0	323.2
Percent Change From Previous February	4.8	3.8	1.8	3.0

JANUARY CPI INDEXES BY CATEGORY

(1982-84=100, except where otherwise noted)

Categories	CPI-U February Index	Percent Change from: February 1988	Percent Change from: January 1989	CPI-W February Index
All Items	121.6	4.8	0.4	120.2
All Items (1967=100)	364.1	4.8	0.4	358.0
Food and Beverages	122.7	6.0	0.6	122.4
Housing	121.1	3.9	0.3	119.3
Apparel and Upkeep	115.3	4.6	0.0	114.7
Transportation	111.6	4.5	0.5	111.2
Medical Care	145.2	7.2	1.0	145.6
Entertainment	124.3	5.1	0.4	123.6
Other Goods and Services	144.1	7.4	0.5	143.7

YEARLY CHANGES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84 = 100)

	1988	1987	1986
Average CPI-U Level for Year:	118.3	113.6	109.6
Percent Change from Previous Year Average:	4.1%	3.6%	1.9%
December CPI-U Level for Year:	120.5	115.4	110.5
Percent Change from Previous December:	4.4%	4.4%	1.1%

Note: The CPI data on these tables is unadjusted for seasonal fluctuations.

Source: United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

WEEKLY CLAIMS FILED DURING FEBRUARY
CLASSIFIED BY LOCAL OFFICE

Area	U. C. Unemployment Compensation		State Workers (Only)		U. C. Local Government		Ex-Military Servicemen (UCX Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No U.I.	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
All Offices	4,034	19,114	9	29	6	10	42	35	10	53
Berlin	105	667	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Claremont	125	399	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Concord	412	2,230	1	1	2	0	6	1	1	4
Conway	120	764	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dover	499	2,353	3	5	0	0	8	7	4	7
Keene	188	601	0	3	1	7	3	0	0	0
Laconia	344	2,104	1	5	0	0	5	1	0	5
Lebanon	100	334	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Littleton	147	792	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2
Manchester	801	3,333	1	7	0	0	2	1	1	6
Nashua	542	2,123	1	0	1	1	7	3	0	6
Portsmouth	319	1,486	1	4	0	0	6	11	1	11
Salem	142	669	0	0	1	2	1	5	0	2
Liable Interstate	190	1,259	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	6

The average payment for a week of total unemployment: $126.74

The Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance at the End of the Month: $185,396,395.27

Net contributions received during the month: $1,261762.63

Net benefits paid during the month: $2,078,820.29

Interest Received: 0.00

Notes of Interest:

Included in this issue of Economic Conditions are complete benchmarked 1987 and 1988 estimates for the state of New Hampshire, for the Manchester and the Portsmouth/Dover/Rochester Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and for the Nashua Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, of the following economic indicators: nonagricultural wage and salary employment; manufacturing production worker average weekly hours; manufacturing production worker average hourly earnings; and manufacturing production worker average weekly earnings. These estimates are developed from data that the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security collects, as part of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, in monthly surveys of all types of New Hampshire business establishments.

The 1987 figures are final estimates. Benchmarked employment estimates have had data from employer quarterly reports factored in. The 1988 estimates are preliminary - based on survey data only - and will be revised a year from now when employer quarterly report data is available.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
1988 TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (PRELIMINARY)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagriculture	514,050	513,100	515,950	518,100	523,750	532,700	530,050	533,950	538,000	539,600	538,600	543,250	528,600
Manufacturing	118,700	118,850	118,500	118,250	117,850	118,750	114,900	118,950	119,250	119,350	119,650	120,700	118,650
Durable Goods	83,300	83,200	82,700	82,550	82,300	82,900	80,650	83,200	83,300	83,600	83,850	84,500	83,000
Lumber and wood products	5,900	5,850	5,800	5,800	5,650	5,900	5,600	6,100	6,150	6,050	5,900	5,850	5,900
Furniture and fixtures	1,600	1,550	1,600	1,550	1,550	1,550	1,450	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,500
Stone and clay products	3,500	3,500	3,450	3,450	3,500	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,500
Primary metal products	4,550	4,550	4,600	4,600	4,700	4,750	4,700	4,650	4,600	4,750	4,700	4,750	4,650
Fabricated metal products	6,900	6,950	6,800	6,800	6,750	6,850	6,400	6,850	7,000	7,100	7,000	7,100	6,900
Machinery (except electrical)	25,950	25,850	25,500	25,550	25,500	25,600	25,450	25,750	25,800	26,050	26,300	26,550	25,800
Electrical products	23,000	23,050	23,000	22,800	22,700	22,750	21,800	22,900	22,900	22,800	23,100	23,300	22,850
Miscellaneous products	2,300	2,250	2,250	2,300	2,250	2,250	2,200	2,300	2,250	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,250
Other durable goods	9,600	9,650	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,500	9,600	9,650	9,600	9,600	9,700	9,650
Nondurable Goods	35,400	35,650	35,800	35,700	35,550	35,850	34,250	35,750	35,950	35,750	35,800	36,200	35,650
Food and kindred products	2,700	2,850	2,800	2,700	2,700	2,750	2,600	2,800	2,750	2,750	2,600	2,950	2,750
Textile mill products	3,650	3,650	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,300	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Apparel	1,850	1,800	1,800	1,750	1,700	1,700	1,450	1,700	1,750	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
Paper and allied products	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,700	5,600	5,600	5,500	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,650
Printing and publishing	8,450	8,600	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,800	8,700	8,650	8,800	8,700	8,700	8,750	8,700
Leather and leather products	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,350	3,350	3,400	2,900	3,350	3,250	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,300
Other nondurable goods	9,700	9,700	9,850	9,900	9,900	10,000	9,800	9,950	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,300	9,950
Nonmanufacturing	395,350	394,250	397,450	399,850	405,900	413,950	415,150	415,000	418,750	420,250	418,950	422,550	409,750
Mining and construction	33,250	32,050	32,900	36,100	38,000	39,550	41,300	41,050	39,850	38,900	38,000	35,750	37,200
Transport., commun., utils.	17,700	17,600	17,750	17,750	17,900	18,300	17,850	17,800	18,350	18,150	17,950	17,900	17,900
Trade - wholesale	22,250	22,300	22,500	22,600	22,800	23,400	24,050	23,900	23,700	23,900	24,200	24,200	23,350
Trade - retail	108,200	107,050	107,900	108,400	110,200	112,900	114,750	115,400	113,550	114,650	115,750	119,750	112,400
Finance, insurance, real estate	31,500	31,400	31,700	31,900	32,250	32,800	33,200	33,150	32,400	32,000	32,000	32,150	32,200
Services and other	114,650	115,250	115,450	114,150	115,500	119,600	122,200	122,250	120,850	121,250	118,000	119,850	118,250
Government	67,850	68,600	69,050	68,950	69,250	67,400	61,800	61,450	70,050	71,400	73,050	72,950	68,450
Federal	8,700	8,650	8,500	8,500	8,550	8,600	8,600	8,550	8,500	8,600	8,750	8,900	8,600
State	17,650	18,050	18,000	17,800	17,800	16,800	16,900	16,900	19,250	19,550	19,400	19,450	18,100
Local	41,500	41,900	42,550	42,650	42,900	42,000	36,300	36,100	42,300	43,250	44,900	44,600	41,750

BASED ON MARCH 1988 BENCHMARK

NEW HAMPSHIRE
1987 TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (FINAL)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagriculture	494,850	494,550	497,750	502,250	510,200	519,450	521,650	523,100	521,300	520,350	520,900	527,950	512,600
Manufacturing	117,100	117,200	117,350	117,050	117,250	118,300	116,850	117,850	118,650	117,200	117,050	118,400	117,500
Durable Goods	80,750	80,950	81,100	81,250	81,600	82,150	81,400	82,600	82,800	82,350	82,300	83,050	81,850
Lumber and wood products	6,150	6,150	6,250	6,150	6,250	6,350	6,250	6,300	6,300	6,200	6,100	6,050	6,200
Furniture and fixtures	1,500	1,500	1,550	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,450	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,550
Stone and clay products	3,250	3,300	3,350	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,550	3,450
Primary metal products	4,100	4,200	4,250	4,300	4,400	4,350	4,400	4,450	4,400	4,450	4,500	4,550	4,350
Fabricated metal products	6,550	6,600	6,600	6,650	6,600	6,700	6,450	6,550	6,650	6,600	6,600	6,650	6,600
Machinery (except electrical)	24,750	25,000	25,000	25,050	25,150	25,250	25,400	25,800	25,800	26,100	26,100	26,250	25,450
Electrical products	22,950	22,800	22,750	22,800	22,800	22,950	22,700	23,000	23,050	22,550	22,500	22,700	22,800
Miscellaneous products	2,000	2,000	2,050	2,000	2,050	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,150	2,250	2,200	2,300	2,100
Other durable goods	9,300	9,300	9,300	9,400	9,450	9,450	9,250	9,400	9,450	9,200	9,300	9,400	9,350
Nondurable Goods	36,350	36,250	36,250	35,800	35,650	36,150	35,450	35,250	35,850	34,850	34,750	35,350	35,650
Food and kindred products	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,800	2,850	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,800	2,850	2,850
Textile mill products	3,750	3,800	3,850	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,800	3,850	3,900	3,650	3,600	3,650	3,800
Apparel	2,150	2,100	2,050	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900	2,050	2,050	2,000	1,950	1,950	2,000
Paper and allied products	5,650	5,650	5,600	5,600	5,500	5,600	5,500	5,650	5,750	5,400	5,400	5,500	5,550
Printing and publishing	7,700	7,750	7,800	7,700	7,700	7,900	7,850	7,950	8,050	8,200	8,300	8,300	7,950
Leather and leather products	4,150	4,100	4,100	4,000	4,000	3,950	3,750	3,650	3,600	3,400	3,300	3,350	3,800
Other nondurable goods	10,050	9,950	9,850	9,800	9,700	9,900	9,750	9,200	9,600	9,400	9,400	9,750	9,700
Nonmanufacturing	377,750	377,350	380,400	385,200	392,950	401,150	404,800	405,250	402,650	403,150	403,850	409,450	395,100
Mining and construction	33,100	32,200	33,000	35,500	37,650	39,600	41,300	41,300	39,750	39,050	38,450	37,750	37,400
Transport., commun., utils.	16,700	16,700	16,750	16,900	17,200	17,600	17,300	17,400	17,700	17,700	17,600	17,700	17,250
Trade - wholesale	21,600	21,550	21,750	22,050	22,250	22,500	22,850	22,850	22,800	23,100	23,300	23,350	22,500
Trade - retail	103,150	102,150	102,750	104,050	105,900	108,600	111,100	111,600	109,800	109,300	111,150	115,000	107,850
Finance, insurance, real estate	30,100	30,400	30,550	30,950	31,400	32,000	32,150	32,200	31,700	31,450	31,450	31,500	31,300
Services and other	108,400	109,000	109,600	109,750	112,000	115,100	119,400	119,550	116,050	115,300	113,650	114,800	113,550
Government	64,700	65,350	66,000	66,000	66,550	65,750	60,700	60,350	64,850	67,250	68,250	69,350	65,450
Federal	8,200	8,300	8,350	8,500	8,550	8,700	8,600	8,450	8,350	8,450	8,550	8,650	8,450
State	16,950	17,050	17,300	17,400	17,450	16,250	16,800	16,700	16,900	17,850	17,900	18,150	17,250
Local	39,550	40,000	40,350	40,100	40,550	40,800	35,300	35,200	39,600	40,950	41,800	42,550	39,750

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MANCHESTER MSA
1988 NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (PRELIMINARY)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagricultural	85,250	84,500	85,350	85,400	85,350	86,250	84,650	85,750	86,550	86,800	87,600	86,450	86,350
Manufacturing Goods	12,300	12,350	12,400	12,150	12,150	12,200	11,300	12,100	11,950	11,950	11,950	12,150	12,100
Durable Goods	7,700	7,800	7,800	7,600	7,500	7,450	6,700	7,350	7,250	7,300	7,300	7,450	7,450
Machinery and electrical	4,450	4,500	4,500	4,400	4,300	4,300	3,600	4,200	4,050	4,100	4,100	4,250	4,250
Other durable goods	3,250	3,300	3,300	3,200	3,200	3,150	3,100	3,150	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,550	4,600	4,550	4,650	4,750	4,600	4,750	4,700	4,650	4,650	4,700	4,650
Textiles and apparel	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,150	1,150	1,100	1,150	1,150	1,100	1,100	1,150	1,150
Other nondurable goods	3,400	3,350	3,400	3,450	3,500	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,550	3,500
Nonmanufacturing	72,950	72,150	72,950	73,250	73,200	74,050	73,350	73,650	74,600	74,850	75,650	74,300	73,850
Construction and mining	5,400	5,250	5,250	5,700	5,600	6,000	6,550	6,700	6,550	6,400	6,350	6,100	6,000
Transport., commun., utils.	5,250	5,200	5,250	5,250	5,300	5,400	5,400	5,250	5,300	5,450	5,400	5,500	5,350
Trade - wholesale	6,200	6,150	6,200	6,300	6,250	6,500	6,400	6,350	6,300	6,300	6,400	6,500	6,300
Trade - retail	17,400	17,200	17,400	17,500	17,450	17,550	16,900	17,100	17,450	17,600	18,400	18,300	17,600
Finance, insurance, real estate	8,100	8,050	8,200	8,150	8,200	8,100	8,300	8,300	8,200	8,100	8,100	8,150	8,150
Services and other	21,700	21,600	21,900	21,900	21,450	21,700	21,600	21,750	22,150	22,000	22,050	22,150	21,800
Government	8,700	8,700	8,750	8,850	8,750	8,800	8,200	8,200	8,650	8,800	8,950	9,000	8,650
Federal	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,650	2,650	2,650	2,600	2,600	2,650	2,650	2,600
State	800	750	750	750	750	750	750	800	800	800	800	800	750
Local	5,300	5,350	5,400	5,500	5,400	5,400	4,800	4,750	5,250	5,400	5,500	5,550	5,300

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MANCHESTER MSA
1987 NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (FINAL)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagricultural	84,750	84,050	84,450	84,350	84,450	85,000	85,050	84,850	85,500	85,650	86,650	87,600	85,150
Manufacturing Goods	13,100	13,000	12,900	12,650	12,600	12,400	12,300	12,350	12,350	12,350	12,400	12,450	12,550
Durable Goods	7,850	7,950	7,950	7,850	7,800	7,700	7,650	7,650	7,650	7,650	7,650	7,750	7,750
Machinery and electrical	4,500	4,550	4,550	4,500	4,500	4,400	4,350	4,350	4,350	4,300	4,300	4,350	4,400
Other durable goods	3,350	3,400	3,400	3,350	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,350	3,350	3,400	3,350
Nondurable Goods	5,250	5,050	4,950	4,800	4,800	4,700	4,650	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,750	4,700	4,800
Textiles and apparel	1,550	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,300	1,250	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,250	1,350
Other nondurable goods	3,700	3,550	3,450	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,450	3,450	3,450
Nonmanufacturing	71,650	71,050	71,550	71,700	71,850	72,600	72,750	72,500	73,150	73,300	74,250	75,150	72,600
Construction and mining	5,550	5,350	5,400	5,700	5,750	5,950	6,500	6,500	6,450	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,900
Transport., commun., utils.	4,950	4,900	5,000	5,150	5,200	5,300	5,300	5,250	5,250	5,200	5,200	5,250	5,200
Trade - wholesale	5,850	5,850	5,900	6,100	6,100	6,100	6,300	6,300	6,250	6,200	6,300	6,300	6,100
Trade - retail	17,700	17,100	17,200	17,450	17,400	17,450	17,400	17,400	17,600	18,000	18,450	19,200	17,750
Finance, insurance, real estate	8,150	8,200	8,300	8,450	8,500	8,600	8,500	8,500	8,400	8,300	8,300	8,250	8,400
Services and other	21,250	21,350	21,500	20,500	20,500	20,750	20,900	20,750	20,950	21,100	21,250	21,450	21,000
Government	8,200	8,300	8,250	8,350	8,400	8,450	7,850	7,800	8,250	8,500	8,750	8,700	8,300
Federal	2,450	2,450	2,500	2,550	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,550	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,400	2,550
State	850	850	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800
Local	4,900	5,000	4,950	5,000	5,000	5,050	4,450	4,450	4,950	5,200	5,400	5,300	4,950

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NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
1988 NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (PRELIMINARY)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagricultural	94,250	94,150	94,850	95,300	95,750	96,850	94,650	95,000	96,350	96,950	96,750	97,700	95,650
Manufacturing	36,350	36,450	36,350	36,400	36,200	36,550	36,200	36,450	36,400	36,400	36,400	36,550	36,400
Durable Goods	30,000	30,000	29,900	30,000	29,900	30,200	29,850	30,100	30,000	30,150	30,200	30,350	30,050
Machinery and electrical	22,400	22,350	22,300	22,400	22,300	22,600	22,450	22,500	22,400	22,550	22,650	22,800	22,450
Other durable goods	7,600	7,650	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,400	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,550	7,550	7,600
Nondurable Goods	6,350	6,450	6,450	6,400	6,300	6,350	6,350	6,350	6,400	6,250	6,200	6,200	6,350
Nonmanufacturing	57,800	57,700	58,500	58,900	59,550	60,300	58,450	58,550	59,950	60,550	60,350	61,150	59,250
Construction and mining	4,650	4,600	4,650	4,800	5,000	5,300	5,300	5,100	5,000	4,850	4,850	4,800	4,900
Transport., commun., and utils.	2,450	2,450	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,650	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,600
Trade - wholesale	4,250	4,300	4,350	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,600	4,550	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,400
Trade - retail	18,100	17,900	18,100	18,000	18,100	18,200	17,750	18,000	18,100	17,900	18,450	19,100	18,150
Finance, ins., and real estate	3,750	3,700	3,700	3,750	3,750	3,850	3,800	3,900	3,700	3,700	3,650	3,600	3,750
Services and other	17,600	17,700	18,050	18,200	18,350	19,000	18,800	18,800	19,300	19,900	19,000	19,150	18,650
Government	7,000	7,050	7,150	7,250	7,300	6,800	5,500	5,500	6,750	7,050	7,250	7,350	6,800
Federal	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	900
State	250	250	250	250	250	200	200	200	200	250	200	200	200
Local	5,850	5,900	6,000	6,100	6,150	5,700	4,400	4,400	5,650	5,900	6,150	6,250	5,700

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NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
1987 NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (FINAL)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagricultural	89,850	89,600	90,350	91,450	92,550	94,250	93,950	94,150	95,250	95,600	95,200	97,000	93,350
Manufacturing	35,650	35,650	35,800	35,950	36,100	36,550	36,250	36,600	36,450	36,850	36,250	36,450	36,250
Durable Goods	29,350	29,300	29,400	29,700	29,900	30,250	30,000	30,200	30,150	30,750	30,050	30,100	29,950
Machinery and electrical	22,050	21,950	22,000	22,200	22,400	22,700	22,600	22,700	22,600	23,400	22,600	22,700	22,500
Other durable goods	7,300	7,350	7,400	7,500	7,500	7,550	7,400	7,500	7,550	7,350	7,450	7,400	7,450
Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,350	6,400	6,250	6,200	6,300	6,250	6,400	6,300	6,100	6,200	6,350	6,300
Nonmanufacturing	54,200	53,950	54,550	55,500	56,450	57,700	57,700	57,550	58,800	58,750	58,950	60,550	57,100
Construction and mining	4,650	4,550	4,650	4,850	5,050	5,300	5,500	5,400	5,250	5,200	5,100	5,100	5,050
Transport., commun., and utils.	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,150	2,200	2,250	2,300	2,300	2,450	2,500	2,500	2,250
Trade - wholesale	3,750	3,750	3,800	4,100	4,100	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,200	4,300	4,300	4,400	4,150
Trade - retail	17,200	16,900	17,100	16,900	17,150	17,300	17,600	17,650	17,750	17,900	18,450	19,500	17,600
Finance, ins., and real estate	3,600	3,650	3,650	3,700	3,800	3,950	4,000	4,000	3,850	3,800	3,750	3,800	3,800
Services and other	16,300	16,350	16,600	17,200	17,600	18,050	18,150	18,000	18,950	18,300	17,950	18,050	17,650
Government	6,500	6,550	6,650	6,650	6,600	6,700	5,900	5,900	6,500	6,800	6,900	7,200	6,600
Federal	800	800	850	850	850	900	850	850	850	900	900	950	850
State	200	250	250	200	200	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
Local	5,500	5,500	5,550	5,600	5,550	5,550	4,800	4,800	5,400	5,650	5,750	6,000	5,500

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PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
1988 NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (PRELIMINARY)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagricultural	106,900	106,850	107,800	109,300	111,400	113,550	112,500	115,250	115,050	114,950	113,650	113,600	111,750
Manufacturing	20,750	20,850	20,750	20,650	20,600	20,900	19,750	20,850	20,900	20,850	20,900	21,250	20,750
Durable Goods	12,850	12,800	12,750	12,750	12,800	12,900	12,450	12,950	12,900	12,900	12,900	13,050	12,850
Nondurable Goods	7,900	8,050	8,000	7,900	7,800	8,000	7,300	7,900	8,000	7,950	8,000	8,200	7,900
Nonmanufacturing	86,150	86,000	87,050	88,650	90,800	92,650	92,750	94,400	94,150	94,100	92,750	92,350	91,000
Construction and mining	5,650	5,500	5,700	6,200	6,450	6,700	7,050	7,000	6,700	6,600	6,100	6,100	6,300
Transport., commun., and utils.	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,950	3,100	3,150	3,250	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,050	3,050
Trade - wholesale and retail	26,600	26,500	26,800	27,450	28,500	29,700	31,050	31,100	30,100	30,250	30,050	29,850	29,000
Finance, ins., and real estate	6,700	6,700	6,800	6,750	6,800	7,000	7,250	7,100	7,050	6,950	7,000	7,050	6,950
Services and other	19,050	19,200	19,200	20,050	20,750	21,850	22,700	22,900	22,150	21,300	20,400	20,200	20,800
Government	25,250	25,200	25,650	25,300	25,350	24,300	21,550	23,050	24,950	25,900	26,100	26,100	24,900
Federal	10,600	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,750	10,800	10,850	10,850	10,800	10,900	10,900	10,950	10,750
State	5,350	5,300	5,400	5,400	5,300	4,300	3,000	4,450	4,950	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,000
Local	9,300	9,400	9,700	9,200	9,300	9,200	7,700	7,750	9,200	9,500	9,700	9,650	9,150

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PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
1987 NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT (FINAL)

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Total Nonagricultural	102,850	102,750	104,000	106,850	109,300	111,850	112,400	112,550	112,100	111,450	110,600	111,450	108,950
Manufacturing	20,300	20,250	20,450	20,650	20,650	20,850	19,950	20,150	20,550	20,800	20,500	20,950	20,500
Durable Goods	12,250	12,300	12,400	12,600	12,750	12,800	12,350	12,700	12,750	13,000	12,850	13,050	12,650
Nondurable Goods	8,050	7,950	8,050	8,050	7,900	8,050	7,600	7,450	7,800	7,800	7,650	7,900	7,850
Nonmanufacturing	82,550	82,500	83,550	86,200	88,650	91,000	92,450	92,400	91,550	90,650	90,100	90,500	88,450
Construction and mining	5,500	5,300	5,400	5,850	6,200	6,500	6,800	6,800	6,600	6,700	6,500	6,300	6,200
Transport., commun., and utils.	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,900	3,100	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,950	2,900	2,900	2,900
Trade - wholesale and retail	26,000	25,800	26,150	27,150	28,300	29,950	31,600	31,450	29,900	28,800	28,700	29,250	28,600
Finance, ins., and real estate	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,300	6,400	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,600	6,550	6,600	6,400
Services and other	17,800	18,000	18,150	19,150	19,900	20,600	21,600	21,800	21,250	20,200	19,800	19,600	19,800
Government	24,250	24,400	24,850	24,850	24,950	24,350	22,950	22,950	24,400	25,400	25,650	25,850	24,550
Federal	10,000	10,000	10,100	10,400	10,450	10,550	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,750	10,750	10,750	10,450
State	5,250	5,300	5,500	5,400	5,300	4,300	4,450	4,500	4,700	5,400	5,500	5,500	5,100
Local	9,000	9,100	9,250	9,050	9,200	9,500	7,900	7,850	9,100	9,250	9,400	9,600	9,000

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1988
PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	41.2	39.6	40.8	41.0	40.6	40.6	39.7	39.9	40.5	40.4	40.4	41.1	40.5
Durable Goods	41.4	39.9	41.0	40.9	40.5	40.3	39.3	39.4	40.3	40.1	40.0	41.0	40.3
Lumber and wood products	38.5	37.3	38.2	38.5	39.2	38.6	34.3	37.0	38.5	37.2	37.4	38.3	37.8
Furniture and fixtures	41.5	39.0	41.0	40.9	41.3	40.6	40.8	40.8	40.4	42.0	40.6	41.7	40.9
Stone and clay products	42.2	38.5	41.4	44.1	42.1	41.0	41.3	42.3	42.9	42.1	42.2	41.6	41.8
Primary metal products	47.9	47.3	47.4	47.7	47.6	42.9	44.2	44.2	45.1	46.4	47.1	46.9	46.2
Fabricated metal products	43.1	40.2	42.5	42.3	40.2	41.1	40.4	41.3	42.1	42.4	41.2	42.5	41.6
Machinery (except electrical)	38.9	38.1	40.6	40.1	40.2	39.5	40.1	40.4	41.1	40.0	42.1	40.9	40.2
Electrical products	38.1	37.0	38.0	37.6	37.3	37.3	35.1	34.4	36.2	35.9	36.0	36.1	36.6
Miscellaneous products	38.9	38.1	40.6	40.1	40.2	39.5	40.1	40.4	41.1	40.0	42.1	40.9	40.2
Other durable goods	41.3	39.7	40.8	40.6	40.5	41.1	40.3	39.3	39.7	39.3	40.0	41.9	40.4
Nondurable Goods	40.8	39.1	40.4	41.1	40.7	41.3	40.7	41.1	41.0	41.2	41.3	41.3	40.8
Food and kindred products	40.5	36.6	37.9	39.3	40.8	42.1	40.9	39.7	39.4	37.9	42.2	40.2	39.8
Textile mill products	40.2	37.7	40.5	42.0	41.2	41.5	38.4	40.3	42.0	39.9	40.3	41.0	40.4
Apparel	37.6	33.1	33.8	32.6	35.1	36.2	34.1	36.9	38.2	36.2	38.4	36.8	35.8
Paper and allied products	47.2	47.8	48.4	49.3	48.6	50.9	50.3	50.1	49.5	51.4	47.7	49.2	49.2
Printing and publishing	41.0	38.3	39.3	38.6	38.1	38.3	38.7	37.9	38.5	39.3	39.1	39.7	38.9
Leather and leather products	33.3	33.3	33.6	34.7	34.9	34.9	37.2	35.3	34.5	35.0	34.5	34.6	34.6
Other nondurable goods	41.5	40.3	41.9	42.7	41.7	41.9	40.5	42.4	41.6	41.8	42.6	41.9	41.8

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987
FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	41.7	41.5	41.3	40.8	41.2	41.3	40.3	40.8	40.6	41.4	41.9	42.3	41.2
Durable Goods	42.2	42.1	42.1	41.5	41.8	41.6	40.4	40.8	41.0	41.5	41.8	42.8	41.6
Lumber and wood products	40.5	38.7	39.1	38.3	38.8	38.4	37.5	39.0	38.3	39.7	38.8	39.9	38.9
Furniture and fixtures	42.8	42.1	39.7	39.2	40.7	41.8	41.6	41.9	40.9	42.1	41.1	41.7	41.3
Stone and clay products	41.4	42.3	44.4	43.1	44.2	39.9	42.1	41.4	42.8	42.6	43.1	43.1	42.5
Primary metal products	45.1	44.2	45.0	44.4	45.7	43.9	43.5	44.2	44.0	49.8	49.7	49.2	45.7
Fabricated metal products	42.3	42.1	42.1	41.0	42.1	42.2	41.4	43.1	40.6	43.3	43.9	44.4	42.4
Machinery (except electrical)	44.7	44.6	44.2	43.7	43.3	43.5	43.0	42.7	42.6	43.4	44.1	44.6	43.7
Electrical products	41.2	41.7	40.9	40.6	40.6	40.5	37.5	38.1	40.0	38.4	39.4	40.1	39.9
Miscellaneous products	39.0	38.3	42.6	39.2	39.4	40.0	40.6	41.1	38.8	41.3	36.1	40.5	39.8
Other durable goods	40.7	40.6	40.8	41.1	41.4	42.1	40.6	40.5	40.5	40.2	39.9	43.1	41.0
Nondurable Goods	40.4	40.2	39.8	39.1	40.0	40.7	40.0	40.7	39.7	41.3	42.1	41.2	40.4
Food and kindred products	41.0	39.8	40.7	38.7	42.1	43.1	42.8	39.8	39.3	41.6	41.5	43.0	41.1
Textile mill products	42.2	42.4	41.1	40.7	40.3	39.7	39.6	41.4	39.2	40.7	40.5	41.1	40.7
Apparel	37.5	37.3	33.5	34.1	35.9	36.5	35.5	38.5	38.6	37.7	38.8	37.2	36.8
Paper and allied products	46.0	47.1	47.2	46.4	46.5	50.2	49.1	48.9	47.4	53.5	52.1	51.7	48.8
Printing and publishing	38.8	38.7	37.3	36.6	36.8	37.5	38.6	37.9	38.4	38.6	39.6	40.2	38.3
Leather and leather products	34.8	34.1	34.9	35.0	36.5	37.2	36.3	36.7	35.0	34.9	35.6	33.6	35.4
Other nondurable goods	41.1	40.2	40.3	39.4	40.5	40.3	38.5	40.4	39.2	40.2	42.7	40.3	40.3

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1988

PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing Goods	40.1	37.7	39.9	39.5	40.2	40.7	38.7	36.0	39.1	38.7	39.4	40.1	39.2
Durable Goods	39.1	37.1	39.1	38.6	39.2	39.1	37.7	32.7	38.2	38.0	37.7	39.3	38.0
Machinery and electrical	40.1	38.2	40.1	39.4	40.6	40.1	38.3	30.1	39.8	39.2	39.1	41.0	38.8
Other durable goods	37.8	35.7	37.7	37.5	37.2	37.7	37.0	36.4	36.1	36.3	35.8	36.9	36.9
Nondurable Goods	41.8	38.8	41.3	41.1	42.0	43.4	40.2	41.5	40.7	40.0	42.1	41.5	41.2
Textiles and apparel	39.2	36.9	38.6	39.5	39.8	42.1	37.5	40.7	41.7	41.0	41.8	39.7	39.9
Other nondurable goods	42.7	39.6	42.2	41.7	42.7	43.8	41.1	41.7	40.3	39.7	42.3	42.1	41.7

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987

FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing Goods	40.8	40.8	40.0	40.0	40.2	40.4	39.3	40.6	40.0	40.3	40.7	41.2	40.4
Durable Goods	41.1	40.6	40.4	40.2	39.9	40.0	39.3	39.9	39.5	39.3	39.4	40.2	40.0
Machinery and electrical	41.6	41.0	41.7	40.2	40.4	40.6	39.4	40.3	39.5	39.1	40.1	41.0	40.4
Other durable goods	40.4	40.0	38.9	40.1	39.2	39.3	39.2	39.4	39.5	39.5	38.7	39.3	39.5
Nondurable Goods	40.3	41.1	39.2	39.6	40.7	41.2	39.4	41.8	40.8	42.1	42.9	43.0	41.0
Textiles and apparel	41.0	41.0	36.8	37.3	37.7	37.7	37.9	41.2	40.3	40.1	40.3	38.7	39.2
Other nondurable goods	40.0	41.1	40.3	40.6	42.0	42.7	40.0	42.0	41.0	42.9	44.0	44.5	41.8

BASED ON MARCH 1988 BENCHMARK

NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1988
PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	41.4	39.6	40.5	40.7	41.1	40.5	39.3	39.7	40.1	40.3	40.2	42.6	40.5
Durable Goods	41.7	40.3	41.1	41.1	41.6	41.0	39.8	40.2	40.8	41.0	40.5	43.1	41.0
Machinery and electrical	40.7	39.5	40.4	40.2	40.2	40.0	38.8	39.4	40.0	40.5	39.5	41.8	40.1
Other durable goods	43.8	42.4	42.7	43.1	44.8	43.2	42.0	42.0	42.5	42.1	42.5	45.8	43.1
Nondurable Goods	40.6	37.1	38.3	39.2	39.2	39.0	37.4	37.6	37.8	37.4	39.7	41.0	38.7

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NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987
FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	42.3	42.2	43.0	42.2	42.2	42.4	40.9	40.3	41.5	41.2	42.1	42.7	41.9
Durable Goods	43.0	43.0	43.9	43.1	43.1	43.0	41.2	40.8	42.1	41.9	42.5	43.5	42.6
Machinery and electrical	42.3	42.5	42.4	42.4	42.3	42.4	40.7	39.7	41.5	41.2	41.9	42.5	41.8
Other durable goods	44.4	44.2	46.8	44.4	44.6	44.2	42.3	42.9	43.0	43.8	44.0	45.8	44.2
Nondurable Goods	39.7	39.0	39.5	38.4	38.9	39.9	39.5	38.3	39.3	38.1	40.4	40.2	39.3

BASED ON MARCH 1988 BENCHMARK

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1988

PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	41.4	39.4	41.1	41.8	41.2	40.4	40.0	40.8	41.4	41.5	42.5	42.5	41.0
Durable Goods	41.7	39.5	40.9	41.1	40.5	39.3	40.0	40.3	41.3	41.1	42.5	42.1	41.3
Nondurable Goods	41.0	39.3	41.3	43.0	42.3	41.9	40.1	41.6	41.6	42.2	42.5	43.1	41.7

BASED ON MARCH 1988 BENCHMARK

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987

FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	39.8	40.0	40.9	39.4	39.8	39.9	39.3	39.7	39.6	41.0	41.2	40.9	40.1
Durable Goods	40.8	40.9	42.2	40.6	41.2	41.1	40.7	40.6	40.1	41.0	40.6	41.9	41.0
Nondurable Goods	38.4	38.7	39.1	37.5	37.7	38.2	37.2	38.2	38.8	40.9	42.2	39.4	38.9

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1988
PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$388.93	$373.03	$386.78	$392.78	$390.17	$393.01	$390.25	$389.82	$399.33	$404.81	$403.60	$413.06	$393.80
Durable Goods	397.44	381.44	394.83	396.32	394.88	395.34	390.25	390.06	403.81	406.21	406.00	418.61	397.36
Lumber and wood products	312.24	294.67	309.42	305.31	313.99	313.43	293.27	307.47	331.49	335.92	328.75	338.19	316.01
Furniture and fixtures	311.67	288.21	296.84	305.11	314.29	309.37	313.34	317.02	317.95	325.08	312.62	324.01	311.25
Stone and clay products	366.72	338.42	367.63	386.76	385.64	370.64	375.42	387.89	394.68	389.00	385.71	381.89	377.45
Primary metal products	462.24	465.91	464.99	464.12	464.58	435.86	441.56	441.56	455.96	462.14	488.90	475.57	460.15
Fabricated metal products	415.52	379.89	407.15	409.46	394.76	405.66	399.96	411.35	427.74	429.51	415.71	434.35	411.01
Machinery (except electrical)	436.70	420.46	423.04	425.86	424.00	429.86	429.68	437.18	441.66	440.15	438.42	460.58	434.02
Electrical products	389.00	377.03	393.68	393.67	393.14	395.75	380.13	371.52	393.49	397.05	398.88	406.13	390.89
Miscellaneous products	321.70	298.32	336.17	336.44	341.70	330.62	336.84	325.62	348.12	368.00	355.32	356.69	338.08
Other durable goods	396.89	382.31	399.02	396.26	390.42	397.85	394.94	384.35	391.05	387.11	397.20	418.16	394.71
Nondurable Goods	369.65	355.42	369.26	383.46	378.92	388.63	391.53	390.45	390.32	403.35	398.55	400.20	384.74
Food and kindred products	434.15	417.97	406.67	467.67	467.57	479.52	495.71	502.21	464.92	496.11	530.03	488.43	469.25
Textile mill products	318.79	293.68	324.00	336.00	330.84	340.30	306.05	329.25	349.44	337.16	334.89	343.17	328.45
Apparel	245.53	219.45	219.02	228.85	236.57	245.44	242.79	250.18	258.61	257.02	265.34	250.98	243.44
Paper and allied products	505.04	509.07	516.91	538.85	525.37	545.65	563.36	549.60	544.01	583.39	525.65	545.14	537.76
Printing and publishing	397.70	370.74	383.18	378.28	377.57	384.53	392.03	385.82	389.62	405.97	415.24	417.64	391.72
Leather and leather products	191.14	193.14	196.56	207.16	209.40	211.84	240.68	211.80	215.63	217.35	214.59	212.79	209.33
Other nondurable goods	388.86	372.37	395.96	403.52	397.82	408.11	388.80	404.50	402.69	407.55	403.42	404.75	398.20

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987
FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$375.72	$375.99	$377.90	$376.99	$380.28	$384.09	$379.63	$381.89	$387.73	$387.09	$393.02	$400.58	$382.75
Durable Goods	389.51	388.58	392.79	389.27	393.34	393.95	389.46	389.23	399.34	392.18	396.26	406.60	393.12
Lumber and wood products	298.08	287.54	295.99	301.42	304.19	299.14	299.25	305.76	311.38	322.76	309.62	331.17	305.37
Furniture and fixtures	294.04	303.12	295.37	298.70	299.96	309.74	304.51	318.02	304.71	312.80	312.36	312.33	305.21
Stone and clay products	366.39	370.13	392.94	390.92	389.40	365.48	374.27	368.05	386.91	374.88	375.40	372.82	376.98
Primary metal products	438.82	429.62	437.40	427.13	446.03	425.83	424.13	431.83	421.52	456.17	454.26	429.02	434.61
Fabricated metal products	391.28	389.00	388.16	378.43	387.32	395.41	393.30	398.24	380.02	392.73	408.27	421.80	393.90
Machinery (except electrical)	420.18	421.47	418.57	419.52	419.58	421.08	416.24	417.18	420.04	430.96	441.00	439.31	423.89
Electrical products	411.59	412.83	413.09	408.84	410.06	413.10	403.50	399.29	437.20	387.84	396.36	408.22	408.18
Miscellaneous products	274.56	275.53	311.83	291.26	296.29	312.40	322.77	311.54	306.52	319.25	290.61	328.46	304.47
Other durable goods	376.88	372.71	382.70	381.82	389.16	397.85	386.11	384.75	385.97	387.93	381.44	414.62	387.45
Nondurable Goods	345.42	349.74	348.25	348.38	352.80	363.45	357.60	364.27	361.67	377.07	385.64	386.87	361.18
Food and kindred products	399.34	415.91	423.28	425.31	461.00	475.39	469.52	466.85	466.88	491.71	514.60	512.99	459.50
Textile mill products	326.63	324.36	313.18	315.02	298.62	304.10	300.96	315.88	313.21	319.09	311.85	320.17	313.39
Apparel	234.00	233.13	209.04	214.15	229.04	241.63	228.98	249.87	254.76	248.44	253.36	245.89	236.99
Paper and allied products	454.02	477.59	477.66	478.38	490.11	529.61	520.95	516.38	510.02	571.92	560.60	561.46	511.91
Printing and publishing	359.29	354.11	349.50	349.53	344.08	355.50	364.38	360.43	369.41	369.40	380.56	399.19	363.47
Leather and leather products	202.88	200.17	204.17	206.85	214.26	220.97	207.27	217.63	207.90	208.35	210.40	192.86	207.80
Other nondurable goods	368.67	369.84	371.16	368.78	374.63	373.58	358.82	371.28	363.38	370.64	396.68	399.78	373.98

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1988

PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing Goods	$396.19	$372.10	$395.01	$394.61	$400.39	$406.19	$395.90	$352.44	$397.26	$404.42	$410.55	$414.23	$395.14
Durable Goods	401.17	380.65	399.60	395.26	403.37	402.34	400.37	326.67	403.01	410.78	409.80	422.08	395.96
Machinery and electrical	409.42	388.88	409.02	405.82	421.83	417.44	410.96	297.99	428.25	435.90	437.53	451.82	408.56
Other durable goods	390.47	369.85	386.05	380.63	377.58	381.15	387.76	366.91	369.66	375.71	372.32	380.81	378.96
Nondurable Goods	385.40	355.80	386.16	393.33	395.22	412.73	387.93	395.08	389.09	394.80	410.05	402.55	392.64
Textiles and apparel	301.06	280.81	301.86	312.84	317.60	357.43	302.25	342.69	351.95	351.37	352.37	331.10	325.19
Other nondurable goods	415.90	384.12	416.09	420.75	421.02	430.55	415.93	412.00	400.99	409.70	430.61	426.47	415.75

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987

FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing Goods	$372.91	$372.50	$368.40	$365.60	$369.44	$375.72	$373.35	$379.20	$383.60	$391.31	$396.83	$407.88	$379.73
Durable Goods	393.74	386.11	386.22	381.10	383.44	388.40	391.43	391.92	396.19	400.86	402.67	410.84	392.80
Machinery and electrical	402.69	393.60	401.15	387.93	389.46	397.47	392.03	396.96	396.58	404.29	414.63	422.71	399.96
Other durable goods	382.59	375.60	368.77	371.73	374.36	377.28	391.22	384.15	395.79	396.58	390.10	396.93	383.94
Nondurable Goods	339.73	349.35	335.94	337.79	344.73	354.73	341.99	358.64	360.67	375.53	385.67	401.19	357.11
Textiles and apparel	305.45	302.58	270.11	269.68	271.44	283.88	283.11	303.23	306.28	305.96	301.04	291.80	291.26
Other nondurable goods	355.20	371.54	367.54	367.43	377.58	385.15	365.60	381.36	383.76	403.69	420.64	440.55	385.40

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NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1988
PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$473.20	$456.19	$462.51	$475.38	$475.53	$474.66	$464.53	$472.83	$482.40	$496.90	$495.69	$526.54	$479.52
Durable Goods	489.14	469.90	480.05	486.21	487.14	481.34	470.04	475.97	492.86	506.76	500.18	537.46	489.54
Machinery and electrical	516.89	500.86	510.66	514.16	513.35	511.20	495.48	512.20	526.40	545.13	535.23	576.84	521.30
Other durable goods	420.92	398.56	409.07	421.09	428.74	413.86	408.66	396.06	421.18	425.21	421.60	453.42	418.50
Nondurable Goods	417.77	408.10	399.09	435.12	431.98	453.57	443.19	458.72	446.42	456.28	480.37	488.72	443.12

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NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987
FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$467.42	$473.06	$484.61	$476.44	$477.28	$479.54	$466.67	$455.39	$478.08	$483.28	$490.04	$496.17	$477.24
Durable Goods	486.76	489.77	503.97	492.20	493.50	488.91	475.04	462.67	484.15	494.00	494.70	510.69	489.47
Machinery and electrical	524.94	527.85	534.66	525.34	525.37	521.94	506.72	486.33	515.85	528.60	531.71	538.05	522.08
Other durable goods	405.37	414.15	442.73	426.68	427.27	419.90	407.77	409.27	423.55	413.47	414.04	441.97	420.78
Nondurable Goods	392.63	407.16	410.80	410.50	416.23	441.69	431.74	427.81	456.67	437.01	471.47	448.63	429.55

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PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1988

PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$379.22	$359.72	$379.76	$385.40	$383.16	$380.57	$379.60	$378.62	$386.43	$389.69	$399.08	$405.88	$384.40
Durable Goods	405.74	389.47	404.50	401.14	399.74	396.93	404.40	400.99	408.46	411.41	427.56	426.06	406.37
Nondurable Goods	339.48	316.37	342.38	361.63	357.86	354.06	340.05	344.03	350.69	357.43	355.73	376.69	349.86

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PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987

FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$361.78	$366.40	$375.05	$363.66	$368.95	$376.26	$370.21	$370.00	$362.74	$371.87	$377.80	$381.19	$370.12
Durable Goods	404.74	403.68	418.62	403.97	414.86	419.63	414.73	408.44	392.98	396.47	397.07	399.73	406.31
Nondurable Goods	301.06	312.31	312.80	303.00	299.34	312.09	301.32	305.60	318.94	331.70	347.31	352.53	316.65

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988
PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$9.46	$9.42	$9.48	$9.58	$9.61	$9.68	$9.83	$9.77	$9.86	$10.02	$9.99	$10.05	$9.73
Durable Goods	9.60	9.56	9.63	9.69	9.75	9.81	9.93	9.90	10.02	10.13	10.15	10.21	9.86
Lumber and wood products	8.11	7.90	8.10	7.93	8.01	8.12	8.55	8.31	8.61	9.03	8.79	8.83	8.36
Furniture and fixtures	7.51	7.39	7.24	7.46	7.61	7.62	7.68	7.77	7.87	7.74	7.70	7.77	7.61
Stone and clay products	8.69	8.79	8.88	8.77	9.16	9.04	9.09	9.17	9.20	9.24	9.14	9.18	9.03
Primary metal products	9.65	9.85	9.81	9.73	9.76	10.16	9.99	9.99	10.11	9.96	10.38	10.14	9.96
Fabricated metal products	9.65	9.45	9.58	9.68	9.82	9.87	9.90	9.96	10.16	10.13	10.09	10.22	9.88
Machinery (except electrical)	9.88	9.87	9.77	9.95	10.00	10.02	10.11	10.12	10.20	10.26	10.14	10.35	10.07
Electrical products	10.21	10.19	10.36	10.47	10.54	10.61	10.83	10.80	10.87	11.06	11.08	11.25	10.68
Miscellaneous products	8.27	7.83	8.28	8.39	8.50	8.37	8.40	8.06	8.47	9.20	8.44	8.72	8.41
Other durable goods	9.61	9.63	9.78	9.76	9.64	9.68	9.80	9.78	9.85	9.85	9.93	9.98	9.77
Nondurable Goods	9.06	9.09	9.14	9.33	9.31	9.41	9.62	9.50	9.52	9.79	9.65	9.69	9.43
Food and kindred products	10.72	11.42	10.73	11.90	11.46	11.39	12.12	12.65	11.80	13.09	12.56	12.15	11.82
Textile mill products	7.93	7.79	8.00	8.00	8.03	8.20	7.97	8.17	8.32	8.45	8.31	8.37	8.13
Apparel	6.53	6.63	6.68	7.02	6.74	6.78	7.12	6.78	6.77	7.10	6.91	6.82	6.80
Paper and allied products	10.70	10.65	10.68	10.93	10.81	10.77	11.20	10.97	10.99	11.35	11.02	11.08	10.93
Printing and publishing	9.70	9.68	9.75	9.80	9.91	10.04	10.13	10.18	10.12	10.33	10.62	10.52	10.07
Leather and leather products	5.74	5.80	5.85	5.97	6.00	6.07	6.47	6.00	6.25	6.21	6.22	6.15	6.05
Other nondurable goods	9.37	9.24	9.45	9.45	9.54	9.74	9.60	9.54	9.68	9.75	9.47	9.66	9.55

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987
FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$9.01	$9.06	$9.15	$9.24	$9.23	$9.30	$9.42	$9.36	$9.55	$9.35	$9.38	$9.47	$9.29
Durable Goods	9.23	9.23	9.33	9.38	9.41	9.47	9.64	9.54	9.74	9.45	9.48	9.50	9.45
Lumber and wood products	7.36	7.43	7.57	7.87	7.84	7.79	7.98	7.84	8.13	8.13	7.98	8.30	7.85
Furniture and fixtures	6.87	7.20	7.44	7.62	7.37	7.41	7.32	7.59	7.45	7.43	7.60	7.49	7.39
Stone and clay products	8.85	8.75	8.85	9.07	8.81	9.16	8.89	8.89	9.04	8.80	8.71	8.65	8.87
Primary metal products	9.73	9.72	9.72	9.62	9.76	9.70	9.75	9.77	9.58	9.16	9.14	8.72	9.51
Fabricated metal products	9.25	9.24	9.22	9.23	9.20	9.37	9.50	9.24	9.36	9.07	9.30	9.50	9.29
Machinery (except electrical)	9.40	9.45	9.47	9.60	9.69	9.68	9.68	9.77	9.86	9.93	10.00	9.85	9.70
Electrical products	9.99	9.90	10.10	10.07	10.10	10.20	10.76	10.48	10.93	10.10	10.06	10.18	10.23
Miscellaneous products	7.04	7.22	7.32	7.43	7.52	7.81	7.95	7.58	7.90	7.73	8.05	8.11	7.65
Other durable goods	9.26	9.18	9.38	9.29	9.40	9.45	9.51	9.50	9.53	9.65	9.56	9.62	9.45
Nondurable Goods	8.55	8.70	8.75	8.91	8.82	8.93	8.94	8.95	9.11	9.13	9.16	9.39	8.94
Food and kindred products	9.74	10.45	10.40	10.99	10.95	11.03	10.97	11.73	11.88	11.82	12.40	11.93	11.18
Textile mill products	7.74	7.65	7.62	7.74	7.41	7.66	7.80	7.63	7.99	7.84	7.70	7.79	7.70
Apparel	6.24	6.25	6.24	6.28	6.38	6.62	6.45	6.49	6.60	6.59	6.53	6.61	6.44
Paper and allied products	9.87	10.14	10.12	10.31	10.54	10.55	10.61	10.56	10.76	10.69	10.76	10.86	10.49
Printing and publishing	9.26	9.15	9.37	9.55	9.35	9.48	9.44	9.51	9.62	9.57	9.61	9.93	9.49
Leather and leather products	5.83	5.87	5.85	5.91	5.87	5.94	5.71	5.93	5.94	5.97	5.91	5.74	5.87
Other nondurable goods	8.97	9.20	9.21	9.36	9.25	9.27	9.32	9.19	9.27	9.22	9.29	9.92	9.28

BASED ON MARCH 1988 BENCHMARK

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988

PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$9.88	$9.87	$9.90	$9.99	$9.96	$9.98	$10.23	$9.79	$10.16	$10.45	$10.42	$10.33	$10.08
Durable Goods	10.26	10.26	10.22	10.24	10.29	10.29	10.62	9.99	10.55	10.81	10.87	10.74	10.42
Machinery and electrical	10.21	10.18	10.20	10.30	10.39	10.41	10.73	9.90	10.76	11.12	11.19	11.02	10.53
Other durable goods	10.33	10.36	10.24	10.15	10.15	10.11	10.48	10.08	10.24	10.35	10.40	10.32	10.27
Nondurable Goods	9.22	9.17	9.35	9.57	9.41	9.51	9.65	9.52	9.56	9.87	9.74	9.70	9.53
Textiles and apparel	7.68	7.61	7.78	7.92	7.98	8.49	8.06	8.42	8.44	8.57	8.43	8.34	8.15
Other nondurable goods	9.74	9.70	9.86	10.09	9.86	9.83	10.12	9.88	9.95	10.32	10.18	10.13	9.97

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987

FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$9.14	$9.13	$9.21	$9.14	$9.19	$9.30	$9.50	$9.34	$9.59	$9.71	$9.75	$9.90	$9.41
Durable Goods	9.58	9.51	9.56	9.48	9.61	9.71	9.96	9.80	10.03	10.20	10.22	10.22	9.82
Machinery and electrical	9.68	9.60	9.62	9.65	9.64	9.79	9.95	9.85	10.04	10.34	10.34	10.31	9.90
Other durable goods	9.47	9.39	9.48	9.27	9.55	9.60	9.98	9.75	10.02	10.04	10.08	10.10	9.72
Nondurable Goods	8.43	8.50	8.57	8.53	8.47	8.61	8.68	8.58	8.84	8.92	8.99	9.33	8.71
Textiles and apparel	7.45	7.38	7.34	7.23	7.20	7.53	7.47	7.36	7.60	7.63	7.47	7.54	7.43
Other nondurable goods	8.88	9.04	9.12	9.05	8.99	9.02	9.14	9.08	9.36	9.41	9.56	9.90	9.22

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NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988

PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$11.43	$11.52	$11.42	$11.68	$11.57	$11.72	$11.82	$11.91	$12.03	$12.33	$12.30	$12.36	$11.84
Durable Goods	11.73	11.66	11.68	11.83	11.71	11.74	11.81	11.84	12.08	12.36	12.35	12.47	11.94
Machinery and electrical	12.70	12.68	12.64	12.79	12.77	12.78	12.77	13.00	13.16	13.46	13.56	13.80	13.00
Other durable goods	9.61	9.40	9.58	9.77	9.57	9.58	9.73	9.43	9.91	10.10	9.92	9.90	9.71
Nondurable Goods	10.29	11.00	10.42	11.10	11.02	11.63	11.85	12.20	11.81	12.20	12.10	11.92	11.45

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NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987

FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$11.05	$11.21	$11.27	$11.29	$11.31	$11.31	$11.41	$11.30	$11.52	$11.73	$11.64	$11.62	$11.39
Durable Goods	11.32	11.35	11.48	11.42	11.45	11.37	11.53	11.34	11.5	11.79	11.64	11.74	11.49
Machinery and electrical	12.41	12.42	12.61	12.39	12.42	12.31	12.45	12.25	12.43	12.83	12.69	12.66	12.49
Other durable goods	9.13	9.37	9.46	9.61	9.58	9.50	9.64	9.54	9.86	9.44	9.41	9.65	9.52
Nondurable Goods	9.89	10.44	10.4	10.69	10.7	11.07	10.93	11.17	11.62	11.47	11.67	11.16	10.93

BASED ON MARCH 1988 BENCHMARK

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1988

PRELIMINARY

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$9.16	$9.13	$9.24	$9.22	$9.30	$9.42	$9.49	$9.28	$9.31	$9.39	$9.39	$9.55	$9.33
Durable Goods	9.73	9.86	9.89	9.76	9.87	10.10	10.11	9.95	9.89	10.01	10.06	10.12	9.95
Nondurable Goods	8.28	8.05	8.29	8.41	8.46	8.45	8.48	8.27	8.43	8.47	8.37	8.74	8.39

BASED ON MARCH 1988 BENCHMARK

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987

FINAL

Industry	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Manufacturing	$9.09	$9.16	$9.17	$9.23	$9.27	$9.43	$9.42	$9.32	$9.16	$9.07	$9.17	$9.32	$9.23
Durable Goods	9.92	9.87	9.92	9.95	10.07	10.21	10.19	10.06	9.80	9.67	9.78	9.54	9.91
Nondurable Goods	7.84	8.07	8.00	8.08	7.94	8.17	8.10	8.00	8.22	8.11	9.23	8.95	8.14

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